Funding Programme for Voluntary sector

2645. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express of 9th July, 1992 titled "Planning Commission patronage fund issue gains momentum";

(b) what were the compulsions behind mooting this idea;

(c) whether such activities are likely to dilute the role of the Planning Commission;

(d) whether this Scheme is a mere duplication of functions of other Ministries; and

(e) if not, what are the points of distinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem. The news Report is misleading Since 1962 the Planning Commission has been giving financial support to academic institutions, research bodies and voluntary agencies for research and training work. Some assistance has also been provided for institution development and for strengthening of planning machinery since 1972. During the Eighth Plan it has been decided to revamp the scheme for decentralised planning and to involve voluntary agencies in key sectors of planning so as to make plan implementation participatory in nature With this project in view three schemes are under examination. It is proposed to launch an experiment of micro- level participatory planning with the full involvement of people and peoples institutions in 150 blocks during the first year of the Eighth Plan. The requirement of funds is being worked out.

There is no duplication of effort bewteen what the planning Commission is doing and what the other Ministries are doing. There is a basic difference between the programme oriented approach of the diffrent Ministries from the institution building approach of the Planning Commission. The focus is on the improvement of the delivery system through creation of self-reliant and self-managed people's institutions. All these steps are being taken to implement the approach accepted by the Government to enhance people's participation in planning. The activities being undertaken by the Planning Commission are in line with the functions of the planning Commission as laid out in the Eighth Plan document.

Performance of States in Implementing the 20-Point Programme

2646. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the State which has toped in the implementation of the 20-Point Programme during last year; and

(b) what are the indicators on which such evaluation is done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Tamil Nadu.

(b) The percentage achievement of targets by the States as well as their relative performance vis-a-vis the average national performance under 19 selected item of the 20-Point Programme from the basis on which the States are ranked. A list of these 19 selected items is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Point/Item No.	
1	1A	Integrated Rural Development Programme
2	1B	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana
3	5A	Surplus Land Distribution
4	6	Bonded Labour Rehabilitation
5	7A	Drinking Water Problem (Villages)
6	8D	Immunisation of Children
7	9A	F.P. Sterilization
8	11A	S C Families Assisted
9	11B	S.T. Families Assisted
10	14A	Provision of House Sites
11	14B	Construction Assistance
12	14D	EWS Houses
13	14E	LIG Houses
14	15	Slum Improvement
15	16	Tree Plantation
16	19A	Villages Electrified
17	19B	Pumpsets Energised
18	19C	Improved Chullahs
19	19D	Bio-gas Plants (States)

Cotton Advisory Board

2647. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the constitution of members of Cotton Advisory Board;

(b) how many meetings of this board took place since 1990 September;

(c) what are the estimates of supply and demand of cotton in each meeting; and

(d) what is the source of their figures estimates with details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) consists of members representing the Government of India, major cotton producing States, cotton growers, textiles industry and trade, cotton research and development institutions, etc.

(b) The CAB has held 7 meetings since September, 1990.

(c) A statement is attached (*See* below)

(d) The sources of estimates of supply and demand of cotton made by the CAB are the members of the Board representing various interest as mentioned above periodical returns received by the Textile Commissioners Office, publications brought out by Government, trade and industry, etc.